

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that no prohibited new matter has been introduced by this Preliminary Amendment. Claims 3-8, and 10-19 have been amended to comply with U.S. rules and practice for multiple dependent claims, wherein multiply dependent claim (see for example original claim 5) may not depend from another multiply dependent claim (see original claim 4). Additionally, claims 6 and 11 have been amended to recite the phrase "selected from the group consisting of" which is used in U.S. practice, and claim 18 has been amended to delete the unnecessary phrase "the steps of."

Support for new claim 21 can be found in original claim 17. New claim 21 has been written in a format that complies with U.S. rules for multiple dependent claims. Support for new claims 22 and 23 can be found in original claim 20. New claims 22 and 23 have been written in a format that complies with U.S. rules for method claims. These changes do not narrow the claimed subject matter presented and examined in the corresponding International Application.

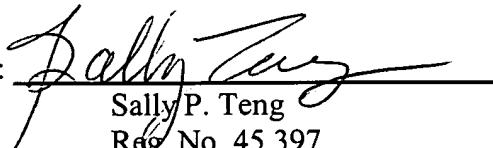
CONCLUSION

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, and including any required extension of time fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 , or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTION PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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